(c) These developmental orders were placed with a view to develop additional sources to meet increasing requirement of wagons. Developmental orders, by its very nature are placed on firms who have not manufactured the items so far. Such firms may not also be expected to conform ab-initio to the specification—laying down facilities required for manufacture of wagon, in—toto.

Hormone mixed injections

*256. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to certain observations made by D.A.V. Research Society for Health regarding milking of cows/ buffaloes after giving hormone mixed injections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these observations also indicate that some quantity of 'Oxitocin' medicine passes into milk which starts poisoning gradually;

(d) whether government propose to take any action on these observations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The Government is aware of the news items published in Nav Bharat Times.

(b) Oxytocin is sometimes used in cows and buffaloes which suffar from let down problem. In such situation, animal's own oxytocin is not released in the circulation. As mentioned in the news that oxytocin treated animals suffer from heart disease, weak uterus and death of foetus in the womb, is not correct because pregnant uterus is well protected against the harmful effects of oxytocin. Moreover, I.C.A.R.'s research studies have never observed any such effect.

(c) Oxytocin is fast eliminated (its half life is about 1.5 minute only) from circulation and is also utilised by the mammary gland for let-down of milk. Moreover, being a peptide harmone, it cannot directly pass from the blood to the milk.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

Delay in the clearance of developmental projects

*257. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minster of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of developmental projects are held up for want of the environmental and forestry clearance from the Central authorities causing significant cost/time escalation, particularly, in the States of Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and project-wise, till the 30th June, 1996;

(c) since when each of these projects are pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far to streamline the present system/ procedure so as to make it more efficient and speedy, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) A statement is annexed. (*See* below)

(d) The Government has already taken steps for speedy clearance of projects. Final decisions on project proposals are taken within a stipulated time of 90 days and communicated to the proponents within 30 days thereafter from the date of receipt of complete information and other relevant details asked for from the project proponents.